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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR FROM CYRUS VANCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SECRETARY CYRUS VANCE)

SUBJECT:SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST

1. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ASKED ME TO VISIT THE MIDDLE EAST  
AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE CONVEY  
FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE  
SAUD.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE:

PRESIDENT CARTER ATTACHES THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO MAKING  
SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS THIS YEAR TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING  
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE HAS THEREFORE ASKED ME TO  
VISIT CERTAIN KEY MIDDLE EAST CAPITALS SO THAT WE MAY HAVE  
THE BENEFIT OF THE VIEWS OF THE LEADERS IN THE AREA AS WE  
DEVELOP OUR OWN THINKING ABOUT HOW PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE

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CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED. I PLAN, THEREFORE, TO VISIT THE  
COUNTRIES WHICH ARE PARTIES TO THENEGOTIATIONS --  
EGYPT, SYRIA, JORDAN AND ISRAEL. I ALSO CONSIDER IT OF  
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO RECEIVE THE COUNSEL OF OUR FRIENDS IN  
SAUDI ARABIA, WITH WHICH WE HAVE SUCH LONG-STANDING CLOSE  
RELATIONS AND WHICH HAS CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO HELPING  
CREATE A FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE. IF

IT IS CONVENIENT TO HIS MAJESTY, TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE FAHD AND TO YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, I WOULD PROPOSE TO ARRIVE IN RIYADH FROM DAMASCUS MID-AFTERNOON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, AND DEPART ABOUT NOON THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WASHINGTON. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING HIS MAJESTY AND OTHER LEADERS IN THE KINGDOM AND TO CONVEYING THE HOPES OF PRESIDENT CARTER THAT THIS WILL BE A FRUITFUL YEAR FOR THE PEACEMAKING PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING WHETHER THE FOREGOING TIME WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR MY VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY. END MESSAGE.

3. PLEASE INFORM PRINCE SAUD THAT, ASSUMING ALL CONCERNED AGREE TO MY PROPOSED VISIT AND TO ITS TIMING, IT IS OUR INTENTION THAT MY TRIP WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE WHITE HOUSE AT ABOUT NOON, WASHINGTON TIME, MONDAY, JANUARY 24.

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